Agrarian Protest

1865-1900

Use your textbook, notes and the handout “The Economics of American Farm Unrest, 1865-1900” to respond to the following:

What does agrarian mean?

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| Organizations | Issues and Platforms |
| The Grange |  |
| The Farmer’s Alliance |  |
| The People’s (Populist) Party |  |

**Causes of agrarian unrest:**

**Connected Supreme Court cases:** What was the case about and what was the decision? How did they impact farmers?

Munn v. Illinois

Wabash v. Illinois

**Other government actions:** What legislation was passed in connection to the agrarian revolt? How did it help or hinder the farmers?

Explain why farmers chose to form alliances and work together rather than remain independent?

How did life in the West change during this time period? Consider the lifestyles of both pioneers and cowboys. What inventions affected the change and how?

How are William Jennings Bryan and his “Cross of Gold” speech related to the agrarian movement?